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SUBJECT: INQUIRY RE DUTCH PEACE INSTITUTE'S NON-FIRST  
USE STUDY

REF: A) USNATO 4837

B) THE HAGUE 2431

C) THE HAGUE A-122 OF JUNE 22

D) THE HAGUE A-157 OF JULY 27

1. REF QUESTION POSED PARA 5 REFTEL A CONCERNING NETHERLANDS  
PEACE INSTITUTE'S STUDY OF NON-FIRST USE QUESTION. PRIME MINISTER  
FIRST ANNOUNCED GON WAS REQUESTING ADVISORY REPORT FROM  
PEACE INSTITUTE ON ROLE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN NATO STRATEGY,  
INCLUDING SIGNIFICANCE AND CONSEQUENCE OF POSSIBLE NON-FIRST USE  
DECLARATIONS BY NATO AND WARSAW PACT, IN GOVT DECLARATION  
MAY 28TH. THIS WAS REPORTED REF B. COMPLETE TEXT OF PRIME  
MINISTER'S STATEMENT PROVIDED PARA 2 REF C. DEFENSE MINISTER  
VREDELING ADDRESSED NON-FIRST USE QUESTION IN REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY  
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QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN OF SECOND CHAMBER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE AND CITED PEACE INSTITUTE'S ONGOING STUDY (REF D).

2. NETHERLANDS PEACE INSTITUTE IS GOVT-CHARTERED INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ORGANIZATION UNDER DIRECTION OF DTUCH PUBLICIST AND COMMENTATOR, H.A. NEUMAN, WHO IS MEMBER OF CATHOLIC PAOPLES' PARTY (KVP) AND WAS MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE DEFENSE MINISTER. POLITICAL COUNSELOR WILL BE SEEING NEWMAN NEXT WEEK AND WILL ASK FOR READING ON STATUS OF STUDY. CHARGE WILL ALSO INQUIRE RE STATUS DURING HIS OCT 15 CALL ON DEFENSE STATE SECRETARY STEMERDINK. NON-FIRST USE QUESTION MAY ALSO BE RAISED IN DUTCH DEFENSE WHITE PAPER SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION END OF YEAR. NON-FIRST USE DECLARATION IS PET PROJECT OF RADICALS (PPR) (ONE OF COALITION'S PARTICIPANTS) AND EXTREME LEFT WING OF DUTCH LABOR PARTY. SO FAR GON HAS RESISTED PRESSURES TO ACTIVELY ESPOUSE NON-FIRST USE DECLARATION WITHIN NATO AND STUDY WAS WAY OF RELIEVING POLITICAL PRESSURE. WHAT GON FINALLY DOES OF COURSE WILL DEPEND ON PEACE INSTITUTE'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ALSO ON ABILITY OF EXTREME LEFT TO SUSTAIN PRESSURE ON THIS ISSUE.  
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